Principal’s Message
Thank you to all the parents and citizens who attended our P&C meeting last night, it was great to see everyone. It’s wonderful to have such a supportive and involved community who care deeply about the students and the school’s future.

I will be away from Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th February inclusive to attend a compulsory Primary Principals Conference. The next newsletter will be delayed until Monday 29th February. Mrs Foran will also be away, Mrs King will be our office lady during this time.

P&C Meeting
Swimming Carnival - The outcome for the swimming carnival will see a return of the traditional school spirit event whereby all K-6 students will attend a non-PSSA selective fun carnival, focusing on participation and encouragement. The date for this will be announced in Term 4. Competitive swimmers, turning 8 and older, will still participate in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival in Term 1 next year.

Athletics Carnival - It will be held in Dalton with Gunning, Bowning and Wee Jasper attending in Term 2, Friday 13th May. All K-6 will attend this event.

The P&C will be arranging a separate meeting to discuss our Autumn Fair, date and time of meeting to be announced.

Mrs Finlayson

Small Schools Swimming Carnival
The Small Schools swimming carnival was held on Tuesday, 2nd February at Yass. Thank you parents for transport and organisation of students on the day. We are looking forward to the District Carnival on Friday 19th February. Congratulations to Alyrah, runner-up Junior Girls Champion. Despite our small numbers Dalton Primary were the Schools Swimming Runner-Up Champions. Well done kids!

Playgroup
Great turn out at this week's Playgroup session; we have never seen so many people in attendance, thank you. You are all welcome to attend Wednesday next week. If you are attending, please remember to sign in as this information helps support the continuing funding of the Playgroup program.

Our Photo Gallery

Welcome to our new Kindies, Zack and Albert. Welcome back to all our returning students.

Book Club
Book Club orders are due back to school by Wednesday 17th February or alternatively you can order on-line.

Religious Education
The Catholic Parish of St Francis Xavier, Gunning, invite children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for their First Holy Communion. If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please contact Maryanne Hannan on 4844 2247 to register your interest.

Next newsletter – Monday 29th February

School Attendance ...What can parents do?
Parents/Caregivers are reminded

- That children aged between 6 and 17 must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness. Visiting family, being tired and staying home on birthdays is not acceptable reasons to be away from school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of an absence. You must state a reason. Saying my child “was away” is not good enough.

- Attendance every day at school is important for your child’s progress. It helps build friendships, life-long work habits and makes sure learning takes place.

- Wherever possible, holidays, dental and medical appointments should be made out of school hours. If a holiday is during school you must first apply to the Principal for approval and it is up to their discretion if it a Certificate of Leave is granted.

It’s not OK to be away
It’s not great to be late
A reminder that schools commences at 9.15am and finishes 3.05pm.

Tips to help your child to succeed at school.
1. Pack school bag the night before.
2. Go to bed at a set time every night, read or listen to soft music for half an hour and then go to sleep. Do not use electronic devices for at least an hour before bedtime. Research indicates that children who receive sufficient sleep are more likely to be alert and resilient.
3. Eat Well, Learn Well - Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It is well known that children who eat breakfast everyday are more receptive to learning.

Poor patterns of attendance in the early years lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.
There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life.
GOULBURN & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

2016 Season Netball Registrations
10am - 12pm
Saturday 5th March @ Carr Confoy Netball Courts, Eastgrove
Saturday 12th March @ Goulburn Plaza (near K-mart)
- NetSetGo! (5-10 years)
- Junior Division (10-12 years)
- Intermediate Division (Aged Up to 15 years)
- Cadets Division
- Senior Division (Played Monday Nights)

Season starts Saturday, 2nd April, 2016 and Seniors on Monday 4th April, 2016

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